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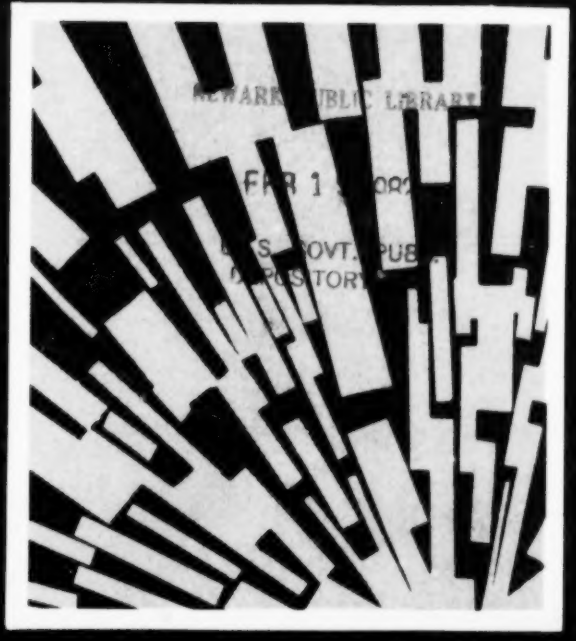

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The Clearinghouse on the Handicapped

The Clearinghouse on the Handicapped was created by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to enhance the flow of disability-related information to handicapped individuals and service providers.

What does the Clearinghouse do?

The Clearinghouse responds to inquiries on a wide range of topics concerning handicapping conditions and related services. We are especially knowledgeable in areas of Federal funding for programs serving disabled people, Federal legislation affecting the handicapped community, and Federal programs benefiting people with handicapping conditions.

If we cannot provide a direct answer, the inquirer is referred to relevant sources of information. The Clearinghouse has done two extensive surveys of national level information providers and has described their information services in detail in the *Directory of National Information Sources on Handicapping Conditions and Related Services*. New developments in the information field are monitored on a continual basis.

Research on state and local level information sources enables the Clearinghouse to refer inquirers with service needs to resources as close to home as possible.

Areas of primary interest to information providers and professionals in disability-related programs are the focus of the Clearinghouse's *Resource Guides*. These include removal of architectural barriers, recreation and leisure for handicapped individuals, and rehabilitation engineering and product information. All *Resource Guides* describe information and funding sources as well as Federal publications.

Programs for the Handicapped, a bimonthly newsletter, focuses on Federal activities affecting the handicapped. It is also our link to information users, and contains announcements of all new Clearinghouse publications and services. Subscription to the newsletter is free, as are single copies of all Clearinghouse publications.

To Use Clearinghouse Services

Everyone is invited to use Clearinghouse services. Inquiries can be made by visit, telephone or letter. A list of current publications is available on request. Users who order publications are asked to include mail labels with their orders.

The information contained in the *Directory of National Information Sources on Handicapping Conditions and Related Services* has been put into a computerized data base which will be made available through Bibliographic Retrieval Services, 1200 Route 7, Latham, N.Y. 12110, (518) 783-1161.

How You Can Help the Clearinghouse

To create a network of information providers serving handicapped individuals and professionals working for them, the Clearinghouse needs to be aware of more information operations on the State and local level. Please tell us about your services and your information needs. We will tailor our publication program to your needs and provide technical assistance on request.

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